

## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, March 6, 2003**

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The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 6, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien – Rm. 328, Detroit, MI 48226.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Megan P. Norris  
Willie E. Hampton **(ABS)**  
Erminia Ramirez  
Edgar L. Vann, Jr.  
Arthur Blackwell, II

##### **Department Personnel Present**

Chief Jerry A. Oliver, Sr.  
AC Timothy Black  
AC Walter Shoulders  
DC Gary Brown  
DC Brenda Goss Andrews  
DC Ronald Haddad  
Cmdr. James Barren  
Insp. Jamie Fields  
Insp. Janice Butler  
Lt. Martin  
Sgt. Debbie Jackson  
Sgt. Kenneth Williams  
Sgt. Fears  
PO Alecia Smith  
PO Eric Jamin  
PO Mitchell Quinn  
3<sup>rd</sup> DC Tara Dunlop  
Dr. Elsie Scott  
Atty. Nancy Ninowski

##### **Board Staff Present**

Dante L. Goss, Exec. Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Atty./Supv. Investigator  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator  
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Phillip Craccioholio  
Mary Lacy  
Ron Scott  
Ben Schmitt  
Ms. Walters

### **RECORDERS**

Jerome Adams  
Felicia Hardaway

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Norris** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:28 p.m.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Chairperson Norris** stated the Minutes from February 27, 2003, will be tabled until the next Board meeting, because some corrections needed to be made.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Norris made the motion to approve the Minutes of Thursday, February 18 & 20, 2003.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Blackwell, II seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

### **3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

**Chairperson Norris** stated to the Commissioners that last week, they received a Teletype in their packets regarding an accident that DC Bryan Turnbull was in. I did talk to the Chief and I understand that he was in a serious accident and that he is on the mend, but that he and his family could use our thoughts and prayers, so we will send those out to him.

I received a request from Lt. Vicki Yost, who pointed out correctly, that we spend all of our time at our meetings on suspensions without pay and disciplinary appeals and never do anything for all of the good guys. It may be a good idea to

have certain awards that are given by the Department, to recognize them publicly. I thought that was a great idea, so I will ask Ms. Hooks, who is the one who communicated with Lt. Yost to pass that on to her. Currently, we have Officer of the Quarterly Awards, which are done publicly at community meetings.

Last week, we were given the following letter:

February 25, 2003

Board of Police Commissioners  
1300 Beaubien  
Room 328  
Detroit, MI 48226

**RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

Dear Board Members:

To ensure that the administrative level of operations for the Detroit Police Department functions at full capacity, when a vacancy or expected vacancy occurs, the executive team of my staff began an assessment of the qualified candidates for the vacant positions. It is imperative that the Department continues to its progress with our Core Business Priorities:

- ❖ Reduce crime by 10% each year, for the next three years
- ❖ Enhance the proficiency, professional image and presence of the Detroit Police Department, and
- ❖ Develop internal tools to reform and revolutionize the department's operations.

Therefore, I am submitting the following for executive appointments to the ranks of Commander and Inspector, for the Board's consideration on March 6, 2003 with an **effective date of March 10, 2003**:

**APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF COMMANDER**

**INSPECTOR JOHN MLYNARCZYK**

Inspector John Mlynarczyk, currently assigned as the Commanding Officer of Narcotics South-East Section, is a 29-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, appointed on February 11, 1974. Inspector Mlynarczyk was promoted to Investigator in 1985, Sergeant in 1986, Lieutenant in May of 1998, and to the rank of Inspector in July of 2002.

During his 29-year tenure, Inspector Mlynarczyk was assigned to the following precincts, sections and units: Third Precinct Patrol, Tenth Precinct Patrol, Thirteenth Precinct Patrol, Second Precinct Investigative Operations Unit, Officer-in-Charge Fourth Precinct Patrol, Patrol Inspector of the Second Precinct, Vice Enforcement, Gang Enforcement, Executive Protection Unit, Management Services Bureau, and Commanding Officer of the Telecommunication Operations Section.

Inspector Mlynarczyk graduated Magna cum Laude in 1972 from Michigan State University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business administration. In 1995, Inspector Mlynarczyk completed Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. In 2000 he received a Masters of Liberal Studies degree in Interdisciplinary Technology from Eastern Michigan University.

### **APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF INSPECTOR**

#### **LIEUTENANT NICK KYRIACOU**

Lieutenant Nick Kyriacou, currently assigned as the staff lieutenant at Central Services Bureau, is a 18-year veteran of the Detroit Police department, appointed on October 14, 1985. Lieutenant Kyriacou was promoted to Investigator in July of 1994, Sergeant in July of 1995, and Lieutenant in February of 1999.

During his 18-year tenure, Lieutenant Kyriacou was assigned to the following precincts and sections: Sixth Precinct Patrol Operations, Fourth Precinct Investigative Operations Unit, Third Precinct Patrol, Court Section, and Officer-in-Charge of the Fugitive Apprehension Service Task Force.

Lieutenant Kyriacou has earned an Associate's of Arts in Criminal Justice in 1983 from Henry Ford Community College, and a Bachelor of General studies from the University of Michigan in 1986. He attended and completed the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 1999.

#### **LIEUTENANT RAMONA SHEPHEARD**

Lieutenant Ramona Shephard, currently assigned as the Commanding Officer of Payroll Operations Section, is a 16-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, appointed on February 2, 1987. Lieutenant Shephard was promoted to Sergeant on July 6, 1995 and to Lieutenant on May 21, 1999.

During her 16-year tenure, Lieutenant Shephard was assigned to the following precincts and sections: First Precinct Patrol, Recruiting Unit, Police Personnel Unit, Third Precinct patrol, Eastern Operations Bureau, Tactical Services Section, Ninth Precinct Patrol, and Eleventh Precinct Patrol.

Lieutenant Shepheard has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Safety from Eastern Michigan University and has completed Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

**LIEUTENANT WALTER J. MARTIN**

Lieutenant Walter J. Martin, currently assigned to Administrative Portfolio Staff, is a 18-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, appointed in May of 1985. Lieutenant Martin was promoted to Investigator in 1985, Sergeant in 1990 and Lieutenant in August of 2000.

During his 18-year tenure Lieutenant Martin was assigned to the following precincts and sections: Tactical Services Section, Internal Affairs Section, Reserve Section, Public Information Section, Public Corruption Unit, Administrative Lieutenant at the Thirteenth, First and Third Precincts.

Lieutenant Martin has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Oakland University and is currently continuing his education at Oakland University majoring in Financial Planning. Lieutenant Martin is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

Providing quality customer service to the citizens, business owners and visitors of the city of Detroit is the primary judging criteria of the effectiveness of the Detroit Police Department. A true understanding and belief in this concept is mandatory to lead this organization and that is what was looked for in selecting the most qualified candidates. Therefore, I am asking your concurrence in these executive appointments to the ranks of Commander and Inspector.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call, at your convenience.

**/s/JERRY A. OLIVER, SR.**

Chief of Police

JAO/mm

**MOTION:** Commissioner Norris made the motion to approve the Recommendations for Executive Appointments.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Vann seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Chief Oliver** stated we will have the new promotees here next week so that you could meet them.

#### 4. SECRETARY REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

##### CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>2003</u>		<u>2002</u>
During the past week:	20	During the past week:	16
Year to Date:	188	Year to Date:	170

##### Closed Cases

The Office of the Chief Investigator closed 75 cases for the month of February.

**Chief Oliver** stated for the benefit of the Board and the community, I think it would be a good thing if we added some qualitative statements about those complaints. For example, what are the types of complaints that the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI).

**Comm. Blackwell, II** asked the Chief for clarification on what he just stated.

**Chief Oliver** stated maybe the complaints should be categorized.

**Comm. Blackwell, II** stated a category would be good.

**Chairperson Norris** stated we do have the complaints categorized already.

**Comm. Blackwell, II** asked how many categories do we have?

**Chairperson Norris** stated nine.

**Comm. Blackwell, II** stated another number that would be interesting, is how many other cases do we still have that is not pending.

**Comm. Ramirez** asked for example, if the highest number of complaints is demeanor, what would you do?

**Chief Oliver** stated it would be helpful in identifying training needs, management issues or supervisory issues.

**Comm. Ramirez** stated to the Chief that the Commissioners are working on tracking officers that violate the Manual and shows us what happens when it is turned over to the Chief. I would like to see some follow-up of as to what you do once it is turned over to you when you find out that there is some misconduct.

**Chief Oliver** stated you do get these back; you get them back in the form of a request suspension if it is really serious. He thanked the Board's staff for attending the Roundtable meeting this week.

**Comm. Blackwell, II** asked do we do PSA's?

**Chairperson Norris** stated we have.

**Comm. Blackwell, II** asked does the Department have an 800 number that citizens could call to voice a complaint?

**Chairperson Norris** stated no, because the majority of the callers stay here in the City.

**Chief Oliver** stated we have an internal campaign that handles the issue of complaints. We need to let the employees know that in this campaign, when we receive complaints that it is good business, which will open up the organization up.

**Comm. Blackwell, II** stated it also protects them.

## 5. CHIEF'S REPORT/PRESENTATION

### DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT MIND'N OUR BUSINESS

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Board of Police Commissioners

*The Detroit Police Department's mission is building a safer Detroit through community partnerships. Therefore, the following enforcement actions were conducted during the week of February 26<sup>th</sup>-March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003:*

#### ORGANIZED CRIME AND GANG DIVISION

The Conspiracy Intelligence, Gang Enforcement, North-West, and Vice Sections conducted Six enforcement actions that resulted in (7) felony and (16) misdemeanor arrests. These enforcement actions reflected in the confiscation of 1,267 grams of cocaine, 48.4 grams of heroin and 1,635,187

grams of marijuana with a total street value of \$7,134,668.00. \$1,709.00 in U.S. currency and 6 vehicles were confiscated from these enforcement actions.

### **TENTH PRECINCT**

Officers of the Tenth Precinct responded to a radio run "Sergeant Down," in the area of Dexter and Davision. Upon arrival of the location officers found a hit and run accident scene. The sergeant was injured, but the subject wanted in relation to the accident fled the scene on foot going northbound between the houses on Pasadena. A description of the subject was given via radio and officers observed the subject running in a nearby alley. The subject was taken into custody and conveyed to the Tenth Precinct for processing. The sergeant was conveyed to Henry Ford Hospital where she was treated and released.

### **HOUSING SUPPORT SECTION**

On February 28, 2003, officers of the Housing Support Section along with Tactical Services Section, Organized Crime/Gang Section and Special Response Team Unit conducted "Operation Elimination," in several housing developments. As a result of this operation a total of (4) Search Warrants were executed and (4) felony and (16) misdemeanor arrests were made. While executing the warrant the officers also confiscated 36 of heroin, 2.0 grams of cocaine and 0.5 grams of marijuana.

**Chief of Police Jerry A. Oliver, Sr.**

## **6. PRESENTATION – Homeland Security Readiness Plan**

**Comm. Vann** stated in the past we have modified the Chief's Report, because it was very extensive with regard to drug raids to etc. There is a synopsis that you put in our reports each week that concern that. I just wanted to update or check to see if we are still making the same kinds of numbers of raids per day and that our attention on the drug houses is still intense as it was.

**Chief Oliver** stated I believe that it is and it has been. We could also add that issue to our presentation calendar.

**Cmdr. James** Barren the commanding officer of the Metropolitan Division gave the following PowerPoint presentation regarding the Homeland Security Readiness Plan:

**(See Attached)**



**Comm. Vann** thanked Cmdr. Barren for giving the presentation and told Cmdr. Barren that every time that you come to us, you are always very prepared and you know your materials. A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned that our health systems are not ready for a biochemical or biological disaster. I am concerned about the total responses as it relates to the citizens. He asked is there anything else that the health systems and law enforcement ought to be doing together to better to prepare themselves?

**Cmdr. Barren** stated I would do more tabletop exercises and more training. St. John's Hospital was very eager to come on board and to provide their staff members to test the system to see how they could bring aid to individuals that were contaminated or in severe conditions, such as death. The Fire Department has been fantastic as far as, assisting us in our efforts.

**Comm. Vann** stated I am concerned about the continuous education of the citizens and the preventive type of measures that can be taken in the case of something disastrous like this, so that we can minimize casualties and impact how law enforcement is going to fit into that whole matrix as well.

**Chief Oliver** stated in the Mayor's ten-point plan, I think that section .4 or .5 deals specifically what Comm. Vann is talking about. Through the new homeland security person that was appointed, that is one of the charges of that person is to coordinate all of these efforts and develop that matrix that you are talking about, so that depending on what the circumstances are, different agencies will take control of that.

**Chairperson Norris** asked how are we communicating this to the people that need to know in their houses, schools and etc.?

**Chief Oliver** stated we could have Commander Shelby come over and talk about it.

**Cmdr. Barren** stated that Herman Kiefer Hospital has literature regarding hazardous materials that they hand out to the public.

**Comm. Blackwell, II** asked does the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security give the Detroit Police Department a list of people who move through this area that could be an issue? Is the Detroit Police Department plugged in or are there plans to plug them in or is that not on the table?

**Cmdr. Barren** stated they are plugged into the Joint Terrorism Taskforce the Justice Department and the FBI. If someone with that type of ability through they area, there would be a Teletype flashed on it.

**Comm. Blackwell, II** asked would it come through the Department?

**Cmdr. Barren** stated it would come through the Department.

**Comm. Blackwell, II** asked does the Department and the City appeal to the Federal Government for money under the Homeland Security Department or grants? I do believe that the Mayor suggested that there was some reimbursement for border patrol activity. He asked are those things being contemplated and do we need to do more?

**Chief Oliver** stated I think as a City we have made it very clear to the State and the national delegations about what we really need. In terms of reimbursement, the Department will receive a reimbursement of \$5 million dollars, which will cover a \$9 million dollar hole.

**Comm. Blackwell, II** stated we now have a \$4 million dollar deficit.

**Chief Oliver** stated we need to have homeland defense and local police.

**Chairperson Norris** stated we should make sure that we are a fully functioning and fully responsive force and then we can deal with whatever emergencies are thrown at us, as long as we are prepared.

**Chief Oliver** stated how we respond to problem solving in our community is really homeland defense. It is tactical, strategic and it is also relationship everyday.

## **7. APPEALS ARGUED – APPEALS SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **DISCIPLINARY APPEALS ARGUED**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2003**

**POLICE OFFICER EUGENE BROWN**  
**BADGE 714**

**BPC 01-001D**

#### **Charges**

**I.** Neglect of Duty, 3 specifications; **II.** Mistreatment of Any Person or Prisoner, 1 specification; and **III.** Wilfully Making a False Oral or Written Statement or Report, 1 specification.

#### **Trial Board** **Findings and Penalty**

Guilty of Charge I, Specifications 1 and 3. Not Guilty of Charge 1, Specification 2, Charge II, Specification 4, and Charge III, Specification 5.

Four (4)-day suspension.

**Recommendation**

Uphold the findings, but modify the penalty to a suspension of three (3) days, plus one (1) day held in abeyance for six (6) months.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Vann made the motion to approve the Recommendation.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Norris seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Comm. Blackwell** asked is he on light or restricted duty?

**Chairperson Norris** stated she does not know where he works now.

**Chief Oliver** stated he is assigned to desk duty.

**Comm. Blackwell** asked are these charges a result of his...?

**Chairperson Norris** stated no.

**POLICE OFFICER MITCHELL QUINN  
BADGE 3005**

**BPC 01-002D**

**Charge**

Neglect of Duty, 3 specifications.

**Trial Board  
Findings and Penalty**

Guilty of Specification 3; and not guilty of Specifications 1 and 2.

One day suspension.

**Recommendation**

Uphold the finding, but reduce the penalty to an official reprimand.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Vann made the motion to approve the

Recommendation.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Blackwell, II seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**POLICE OFFICER RONALD LACH**  
**BADGE 3603**

**BPC 02-004D**

**Charge**

Conduct Unbecoming an Officer, 1  
specification.

**Trial Board**  
**Finding and Penalty**

Acceptance of guilty plea.

Ten (10)-day suspension.

**Recommendation**

Uphold the penalty in its entirety.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Vann made the motion to approve the  
Recommendation.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Norris seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**Phillip Craccioholio** stated I am very happy to hear that Eugene Brown was disciplined for his actions. I want to approach the Council and the Police Department

to what authority they have under a particular situation, which is the topless bar that they are building.

**Chairperson Norris** stated this is a zoning issue that needs to be addressed to City Council.

**Mary Lacy** asked Chief Oliver what is the status of the traffic enforcement officers?

**Chief Oliver** stated we still have a Traffic Unit.

**Ms. Lacy** asked is the Mounting Unit still being used?

**Chief Oliver** stated yes.

**Ms. Walters** voiced her concern that we have no where to place these families when the terrorists attack. She also raised another concern in regards to someone running into a gas station near Finney High School.

#### **10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, March 13, 2003 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**DANTE L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/kdw**